

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00598-CJN**

A.B. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/04/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/06/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5985490) filed by A. B.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exh. A, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Exh. B, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Exh. C, # <u>7</u> Exhibit Exh. D, # <u>8</u> Exhibit Exh. E, # <u>9</u> Exhibit Exh. F)(Wiegmann, Yakov) (Attachment 1 replaced on 3/6/2019) (zef,). (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>2</u>	MOTION to Proceed Under Pseudonym <i>and for Protective Order</i> by A. B. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Declaration of Eunice Lee)(Wiegmann, Yakov). Added MOTION for Protective Order on 3/25/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>3</u>	SEALED DOCUMENT filed by A. B. re <u>2</u> MOTION to Proceed Under Pseudonym <i>and for Protective Order</i> (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(Wiegmann, Yakov) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>4</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>2</u> Motion for Leave to Proceed Under Pseudonym. See Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/7/2019. (zmd) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/07/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zef,) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/14/2019	<u>6</u>	MOTION Seal Exhibit E to Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint, by A. B. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wiegmann, Yakov) (Entered: 03/14/2019)

03/14/2019	<u>7</u>	ERRATA by A. B.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exh. E)(Wiegmann, Yakov) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Exhibit E to the Complaint. The clerk of court shall seal Exhibit E to the Complaint, found at ECF No. 1–8. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/15/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>8</u>	VACATED PURSUANT TO <u>10</u> ORDER FILED 5/31/2019.....AFFIDAVIT FOR DEFAULT by A. B. (Wiegmann, Yakov) Modified on 5/31/2019 (zjd). (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/30/2019	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint and Vacate Affidavit in Support of Default</i> (ECF No. 8) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Truong, John). Added MOTION to Vacate on 6/4/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 05/30/2019)
05/31/2019	<u>10</u>	ORDER granting <u>9</u> Defendant's Motion for an Extension to Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint and Vacate Affidavit in Support of Default. Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before July 1, 2019. Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of Default, ECF No. 8, is hereby vacated. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/31/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
05/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Responsive Pleading due by 7/1/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Amit P. Mehta is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Truong, John) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/22/2019	<u>12</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE filed by A. B.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G)(Wiegmann, Yakov) (Entered: 07/22/2019)
08/01/2019	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to <u>12</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Truong, John) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) appear to be inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before September 16, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 14, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/16/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Truong, John) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before September 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 20, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/22/2019)
09/30/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Truong, John) (Entered: 09/30/2019)
10/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The Court has reviewed the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report and notes the Parties' disagreement regarding an appropriate schedule for OIP to search for and process records responsive to Plaintiff's request. It is hereby ORDERED that the

		Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 15, 2019. Thereafter, the Court may convene a conference to resolve any continuing areas of disagreement. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 23, 2019. (lccjn3) Modified on 11/18/2019 (lcdf). (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Gov. Exhibit I)(Truong, John) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that on or before January 13, 2020, Defendant shall search for, process, and produce non-exempt documents that are related to former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the three other identified custodians within the Office of the Attorney General assigned to immigration-related matters during the relevant time period. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before December 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 19, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/13/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT by A. B.. (Wiegmann, Yakov) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>18</u>	RESPONSE to Plaintiff's Interim Status Report (ECF No. 17) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Truong, John) (Entered: 12/02/2019)